



# VOTE FOR

## Sherman Ball FOR COUNTY CLERK November Election 1905.

The Breckenridge News.

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 1905.

### SOMETHING DOING

#### IN THE COUNTRY.

##### Lovely Lovie.

Lestown correspondent Charlestown (W. Va.) Advocate: Here is something that makes us feel proud. Miss Lovie Bender, one of our highly esteemed young ladies, brought the red ribbon home from the Inwood fair last Thursday as the premium for being the most stylish young lady on the ground. Now, boys, be careful and stay away, as the old gentleman has his gun well loaded with fish salt. Good for you, "Miss Lovie."

##### Tom Luck's Bad Luck.

Hagerstown Mail: Mr. J. C. Kreps reports a strange accident to one of his friends Thomas Luck, at Atlantic City. He went out in a boat at noon and was blown off shore and could not be found, and did not show up until he drifted ashore the next day at noon. He was nearly dead of exhaustion.

##### We've Heard It, Too.

Rayville (Mo.) Enterprise: There's something very strange around in the country which has been seen and heard after night. From the way it bellers and looks it must be a wolf. It most scares the dogs to death and whatever comes in its way. Before it does any damage the people should kill it if they get a chance.

##### Big Time Coming.

Philomath (Oreg.) Review: They are expecting a wedding in the independent neighborhood before long. Neighbors for miles around have their pans, cow bells, horse fiddles, and fog horns ready for a grand charivari when the event takes place. We will give the names of the lovers later.

##### A Gentleman's Report.

Drain (Oreg.) Nonpareil: Port Oxford evidently is a very windy place. A gentleman just from there reports that last week the wind blew a sheep up against a barn, about twenty feet from the ground, and held it there four days, until it starved to death.

##### Mrs. Nancy's Frenzied Finance.

Richmond (Mo.) Republican: Mrs. Nancy tried to get rich by farming, but couldn't; she then tried weaving carpets, making maple sugar, but didn't succeed, and now she is manufacturing medicine and baking powder.

##### STOMACHS ON STILTS.

The man who puts on stilts does not increase his actual stature. He only feels taller. Stimulants are the stilts of the stomach. They make a man feel better for the time being, but he feels a great deal worse for them afterward.

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## Frauds Result of Secret Ballot; Pryor For The Viva Voce System.

A Frankfort telegram says:

"Whether the people of Kentucky will continue to vote by secret ballot or will return to the viva voce method is the question to be determined by the voters themselves at the coming November election.

"Just now very little interest is being manifested in the matter, and probably not one voter in ten knows that the question will be voted on this fall. It is estimated that not over one-half the votes cast for candidates will be cast either way on the proposed constitutional amendment to change the manner of voting, but the majority of the votes cast on this question will control, and not a majority of all the votes cast on the election. In other words, there may be 400,000 votes cast at the November election, yet only 200,000 votes may be recorded for or against the proposed change of the voting system. If such be the case, then a majority of the 200,000 votes will control, and not a majority of the 400,000 votes.

"The legislature of 1904 passed an act providing that a vote be taken on the proposition to amend the constitution that the viva voce system of voting should take the place of the secret ballot system. On the passage of the bill, the large majority of the Republican legislators voted against it, so it is fair to presume that the Republicans will vote against the proposed amendment this fall and a majority of the Democrats for it, although neither party has officially declared itself on the question.

"Those who favor the change say the present law regulating elections, especially that section requiring bystanders to remain fifty feet from the voting booth, will be retained even if the viva voce system is restored.

##### After the Trial.

"After a trial of thirteen years there is much dissatisfaction in Kentucky over the practical working of the secret ballot plan. One of the warmest advocates of returning to the viva voce system is former Chief Justice W. S. Pryor, of Henry county. He served over twenty years on the appellate bench and says his investigation of election fraud contests proved conclusively that more frauds, by two to one, are committed under the secret ballot plan than under the viva voce plan. He says it is possible, under the secret ballot, for a few men absolutely to control elections by a few neatly executed frauds, and that no way has been found to circumvent them, whereas under the viva voce system each voter has his name recorded and can see that his name is properly entered. If a contest

and appointing agents, and what next I can't tell.

##### Semi-Annual Wash-Up.

Lexington (N. C.) Dispatch: The semi-annual foot washing of the Hardshell Baptist denomination was held at Churchland, this county, Sunday, there being an unusually large attendance at the gathering.

##### Sleepy Tom On His Travels.

Watuga correspondent Avingdon Virginian: Tom Clark, better known as Sleepy Tom, passed through our town last week in his antediluvian turnout.

##### Potato Crop in Bad Shape.

The Weather Bureau at Washington reports the late potato crop in bad shape, on account of blight and decay in nearly every section of the country. The apple crop, also, is a failure.

##### State Development Convention.

(Louisville Times.)

Arrangements are almost completed for the State Development Convention to be held at the Galt House, October 10, 11 and 12. Many speakers of note have been invited and are expected to attend. Gov. Beckham will preside over the convention.

About 1,500 delegates are expected to attend the convention. They will represent

results under the viva voce system the record shows how each man voted, thus greatly lessening the opportunity for frauds.

##### "Three Days" Elections.

Up until 1849 Kentucky had "three days" elections and only one voting place in each county. One could vote on any of the three days, and votes were cast viva voce and recorded in a book accordingly. Everybody came to the court house to vote, and it was a jubilee week. Whisky in those days was not taxed and the best sold for about \$4 a barrel. Frequently a candidate would buy a barrel, roll it up in front of the court house, grock in the head, tie a lot of tin cups to it and invite the voters to help themselves.

##### New Constitution

In 1849 a new constitution was framed and adopted, which provided for dividing the counties into precincts for voting, but the viva voce method was retained. Later, when the population became more dense, there was much complaint about crowding the polls on election days, and it was no uncommon thing, especially in cities and towns to see the entrance to the voting place crowded twenty deep, thus entering many timid people from voting. This crowding and pushing naturally led to fighting and election rows became so frequent that some change in the law became a necessity. When the constitution of 1898, with its provision for secret ballot was adopted, the succeeding legislature went a step further and provided that no one but those actually in the act of voting should remain nearer than fifty feet to the polls. This law had a most beneficial effect in reducing election fights, and many attributed it to the secret ballot rather than to the "fifty-foot" law.

This same constitution provided that all school trustees and school boards should be elected by the viva voce system, although voted for at the same election at which other officers are voted for by secret ballot. The advocates of returning to the viva voce method urge that fewer frauds have been committed and fewer contests filed for schools trustees than for any of the other offices that are filled by the secret ballot method, and that fact alone should condemn the secret ballot.

Neither the Democratic nor Republican campaign has opened yet, and no literature has been sent out indicating the line-up on the voting system but it is generally understood that the Republicans will make an organized fight to retain the secret ballot, while the Democrats will not take sides, but a majority of them will return to the viva voce method of voting.

represent every section of the State and the commercial and agricultural organizations of the various localities.

Ample entertainment will be provided for the delegates. A band and orchestra will be in attendance during the entire session. During the convention there will be trolly and automobile rides, a smoker and banquet.

The convention will convene in the afternoon of October 10 at 2 o'clock. After an informal reception, a temporary organization will be effected. The business session will begin at the night session, which convenes at 8 o'clock, when the permanent organization will be made. A smoker will be given the same evening.

##### Funeral in This County.

Mrs. Thomas Barr, aged thirty-nine years, died at 2 o'clock Monday morning at her home below the city, after an illness of several months. Her funeral was held yesterday afternoon in Breckenridge county. The deceased was a well known and highly respected woman.—Owensboro Messenger.

##### Meets at Owensboro.

The Louisville Presbytery, embracing the greater part of Kentucky, will meet at Owensboro beginning September 26 and continuing two days.

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##### Will Fight Consumption.

The final organization of the Kentucky Anti-Tuberculosis Association, with a membership of 300, was effected at a meeting in Louisville last week. Some of the State's most prominent men are members of the association.

At the conclusion of the meeting George L. Sehon, secretary of the association, said that the members had shown the greatest enthusiasm, and that an active campaign against tuberculosis would be taken up at once.

The various committees are expected to begin work in their departments immediately. Within thirty days the association hopes to have all preparations

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completed for a dispensary where patients may be treated. The funds for this will be furnished by the fee of \$5 which each member of the association pays on entrance and by voluntary contributions. The Ways and Means Committee will be in charge of raising this money.

The association hopes ultimately to erect hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis exclusively. Experiments will be conducted as to the best means of fighting the malady in this climate.

##### River Surveyors at Brandenburg.

A party of Government engineers and helpers numbering fifty, who are surveying the Ohio River, are stationed here. They arrived Saturday night from West Point. The work so far is progressing satisfactorily and is being pushed as fast as possible, and it is thought a good deal of the work will be completed before winter sets in in earnest. They will be here about two weeks.—Meade County Messenger.

##### First Frost October 8.

The katydid has located the first frost for October 8.

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